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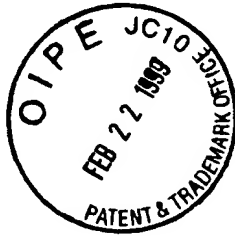
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For: TRANSITION METAL CATALYSTS CONTAINING
BIDENTATE LIGANDS AND METHOD OF USING
AND PREPARING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



: Group Art Unit: 1713

: Examiner: R. Rabago

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Sir:

Applicants submit here a reference they believe is relevant to the examination of this patent application. The reference is listed on accompanying form PTO-1449, and a copy is enclosed.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,852,146, the only listed item, was not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement because the '146 patent did not issue until December 22, 1998 (less than three months before the mailing of this information disclosure statement).

The Examiner should consider the reference because although more than three months have passed since the application was filed, neither a notice of allowance nor a final Office action has yet been mailed, and the IDS is accompanied by the required statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2). No fee is believed necessary.

Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to consider the cited reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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